Assessment for Liabilities against M/s. Hoechst

659. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will e Minister of PETROLEUM AND HEMICALS be pleased to refer to e answer to Unstarred Question 1316 ven in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th nuary, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the liability of Rs. 8.10 lakhs assessed against M/s. oechst upto Decmeber, 1983 by the ecial Team was in respect of bulk ugs or formulations or both;

(b) what are the amounts recoverble from this company as of now nd whether the judgement of the upreme Court has been kept in view the latest assessment; and

(c) what are the names of the comnies who have provided full data r assessing final liability and what the final assessment in each of ose cases?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM ND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA RAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) It was respect of Bulk Drugs only.

(b) In the background of the Supeme Court's judgement, a tentative coverable amount of Rs. 78 crores s been assessed against M/s. Hoest so far and it includes Rs. 24.91 ores tentatively assessed for the riod upto December, 1983.

(c) None of the companies involvin the Supreme Court case have ovided full details for assessment their final liability.

roduction and Import of Ampicillin Sodium Sterile

360. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will e Minister of PETROLEUM AND HEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the procers of Ampicillin Sodium Sterile;

(b) what is the stage from which each is producing and what was the production of each during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that price of this drug has been fixed under DPCO 1987;

(d) if so, when was the price fied and what is the price fixed and on what basis the price was fixed;

(e) whether it is a fact that the price of the drug is being overcharged through credit notes or otherwise;

(f) whether it is also a fact that import of drug has been restricted on the recommendation of his Ministry; and

(g) if so, what is the justification for such a restriction?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Production of Ampicillin Sodium Sterile is not monitored. However, the names of companies given industrial approvals alongwith capacities are given in the Statement. All approvals are from indigenous 6 APA/ Ampicillin Trihydrate.

(c) to (e) Yes Sir. The price fixed on 13.9.90 at Rs. 2941/Kg. based on the recommendation of BICP, keeping in view the purchase price of ampicillin trihydrate.

(f) Yes Sir, in consultation with D.G.T.D.

(g) Imports of Ampicillin Sodium have been restricted to encourage indigenous production, which is one of the basic objectives of drug policy and to check the outflow of foreign exchange.